

HONORING CAPTAIN JOAN R.
DAVIS

HON. ELIOT L. ENGEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 17, 2007

Mr. ENGEL. Madam Speaker, Captain Joan R. Davis was awarded the Army Commendation Medal, the Iraq Campaign Medal, and the Army Achievement Medal, among other awards, for her accomplishments as Head Nurse in Camp Bucca, Iraq.

There she was responsible for the comprehensive health care needs and provision of health care to more than 8,600 detainees. To accomplish this she was responsible for the oversight of 10 officers and 75 enlisted personnel.

Among her many duties was the assessment, planning, and implementation and evaluation of detainees at the facility. She provided consultations with other members of the allied health care team on the highly complex comprehensive nursing care of the diabetic population.

She also served as liaison with forward Operating Base and Theater Internment Facilities.

We are fortunate to have such an individual with us here in the Bronx, as a Registered Nurse at Montefiore Medical Center. I congratulate her for her dedicated service to our country and for her equally dedicated service at MMC.

**RESOLUTION CONGRATULATING
THE UNITED STATES WOMEN'S
NATIONAL SOCCER TEAM ON ITS
PERFORMANCE AT THE 2007 FIFA
WOMEN'S WORLD CUP**

HON. MARK UDALL

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. UDALL of Colorado. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the United States Women's National Soccer Team on its recent performance at the 2007 FIFA Women's World Cup in China.

I am pleased to be introducing this resolution with the support of my colleagues Mrs. BONO, Mr. WALSH, Mrs. CAPPS, Mrs. NAPOLITANO, Ms. BORDALLO, Mr. HINCHEY, Mr. VAN HOLLEN, Mr. ARCURI, Ms. SCHAKOWSKY, Ms. WATSON and Mr. TOWNS.

In the spirit of international goodwill, the women of our National Soccer Team competed with the elite women of Norway, Nigeria, England, and Sweden exhibiting sportsmanship and determination every moment on and off the field. Furthermore, finishing in the semifinals, the team maintained its record as being the only country to finish in the top 3 in all 5 Women's World Cup tournaments that have been contested.

Their contribution to American female athletics is a testament to the legacy of Title IX, now in its 35th year, as well as the dedication and hard work of the players, coaches, and trainers. The support of women's soccer fans around the globe for the games of the 2007 FIFA Women's World Cup anticipates the coming 2008 Summer Olympics and the 2009

opening of a women's professional soccer league in the United States.

Madam Speaker, I commend the United States Women's National Soccer Team and ask my colleagues to join me in affirming the importance of athletic participation for young women and men across our Nation.

**RECOGNITION OF THE 2007
OKALOOSA COUNTY FARM
FAMILY OF THE YEAR**

HON. JEFF MILLER

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. MILLER of Florida. Madam Speaker, on behalf of the U.S. Congress, it is an honor for me to rise today in recognition of the Gerald Brooks family for being selected the 2007 Okaloosa County Farm Family of the Year and for their contributions to the agricultural development of Baker, a city in my district in northwest Florida.

For over 35 years, Gerald and his wife Mary have been actively involved in farming in northwest Florida. Gerald was born and raised on the farm and while being one of nine children, he was the only child who stayed in farming. The family business began around 1930, when Gerald's grandparents relocated from Evergreen, Alabama to Okaloosa County. They moved to the farm's present location in 1940. Sharecropping corn with his grandfather during his last year of high school helped to groom young Gerald for one day taking over the family farm.

After serving in the United States Army from 1969 to 1971, Gerald began farming full time. He demonstrated his tremendous work ethic in all aspects of farming. He has worked tirelessly to improve the agricultural and farming practices for his community by serving on the Farm Bureau of Directors and the Okaloosa County Extension Advisory Committee for several years. Gerald continues to assist the local Extension office by offering his land for on-farm demonstrations, which includes a current project with a soybean Asian rust plot.

Throughout the years, the Brooks family farm has produced cotton, peanuts, soybeans, wheat, and the largest selection of fresh vegetables in the area. Gerald personally plans, plants, and manages all growing of the crops in addition to other day-to-day operations on the farm, while his sister, Kathy, oversees the harvesting and marketing of the crops.

Madam Speaker, on behalf of the U.S. Congress, I would like to offer my sincere commendation to a family that is a role model for all of us. A deep sense of civic contribution and values has been instilled through all the generations of the Gerald Brooks family. It is my hope that this family tradition continues for many more generations.

TRIBUTE TO FAUNE RIGGIN

HON. JO ANN EMERSON

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 17, 2007

Mrs. EMERSON. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Faune Rigggin on being

recognized as one of the top ten programmers in small market radio in America. As Program and News Director at KZIM-KSIM radio in Cape Girardeau, Missouri, Faune has brought passion, hard work and innovative ideas to her job. Her talented work has made an enduring impact on the communities which comprise the KZIM-KSIM radio listening area.

Faune understands the importance of radio. Radio is an essential part of the lives of many Americans. It is more than just an information vehicle or advertising tool—it connects our communities. Since joining KZIM-KSIM, Faune has worked tirelessly to ensure listeners remain informed and connected.

Faune's successes, both in and out of the radio industry, have been observed and duplicated by the staff at KZIM-KSIM. Her passion and commitment to excellence continues to inspire others to dedicate themselves to the same ideals. Not only is Faune a true professional, she remains a valued member of the Cape Girardeau Community by involving herself in charities and lending a helping hand to others.

Madam Speaker, it is a great privilege to honor Faune Rigggin on this great achievement. I ask that you join me along with Faune's family, friends and listeners to congratulate her on this momentous occasion and to wish her a rewarding and productive future.

**MALVERN FEDERAL SAVINGS
BANK 120TH ANNIVERSARY**

HON. JIM GERLACH

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 17, 2007

Mr. GERLACH. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the Malvern Federal Savings Bank as it celebrates its 120th Anniversary this year. Malvern Federal Savings Bank, first known as the Malvern and Duffryn Mawr Building and Loan Association, opened its doors in 1887 at King Street and Warren Avenue in Malvern, PA. The Bank moved to new locations on Malvern's King Street in both 1938 and 1955, and to nearby Paoli in 1957. The Bank headquarters, which underwent an extensive renovation in 2004, remains in Paoli today. The institution has continued to expand through the opening of multiple financial centers and today has offices in Paoli, Berwyn, Malvern, Westtown, Lionville, Exton and South Coventry.

The community bank has dedicated itself through the years to fulfilling the financial needs of people and businesses throughout Chester County, Pennsylvania and the surrounding areas. For 120 years, Malvern Federal Savings Bank has remained a mutual savings bank owned by its depositors, thus ensuring that it always meets the needs of the community first. The Bank prides itself on staying active in the community, donating time and funds to numerous local events and fundraisers each year, as a way to give back to residents and businesses that have been supportive for so many decades.

Ron Anderson currently serves as the Bank's president and chief financial officer and F. Claire Hughes, Jr. as the chairman. Malvern Federal Savings Bank is one of the oldest banks based in Chester County and continues to offer numerous services to its customers and community.

I know all my colleagues join me today in congratulating the Malvern Federal Savings Bank as it celebrates its 120th Anniversary and continues its proud tradition of community involvement, business excellence, and superior customer service.

A PROCLAMATION HONORING THE
550TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE MORAVIAN
CHURCH IN
GNADENHUTTEN, OHIO

HON. ZACHARY T. SPACE

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 17, 2007

Mr. SPACE. Madam Speaker:

Whereas, the dedicated people of the Moravian Church of Gnadenhutten, Ohio celebrates the 550th anniversary of the Moravian Church with great joy; and

Whereas, this occasion is a time to look back at the origins of our great state with the founding of the first settlement in Ohio by missionary David Zeisberger amongst the Le Nape Indians in 1772; and

Whereas, the Moravian Church continues as the oldest Protestant denomination in existence; and

Whereas, the Moravian Church have demonstrated excellence in its calling as a church, and we are proud to have it in the great state of Ohio and our Nation; be it

Resolved, That along with the residents of the 18th Congressional District, I commend the congregation for their unwavering commitment, recognizing that all great achievements come from great dedication. With great appreciation and respect, we recognize the tremendous impact this congregation has had in the community and in the lives of those people they have touched.

COMMENDING NASA LANGLEY RESEARCH CENTER ON ITS 90TH ANNIVERSARY

SPEECH OF

HON. ROBERT C. "BOBBY" SCOTT

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 16, 2007

Mr. SCOTT of Virginia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in strong support of House Concurrent Resolution 222, which honors the NASA Langley Research Center on its 90th Anniversary. Started in 1917 as the nation's first aeronautical research laboratory, NASA Langley has become a world leader in aeronautics research and has led the charge in developing technology to improve the field of aeronautics. NASA Langley has worked to improve aircraft landing systems, the shape of aircraft wings, and the safety of hypersonic flight. NASA Langley also tests the configuration of many commercial and military aircraft models in its unique wind tunnel system. Finally, the Center is conducting work to enable pilots to better land in bad weather through the use of satellite and global positioning information. These improvements have led and will continue to lead to critical advances in both commercial and military aircraft. The increased safety resulting from these advances benefits us all.

NASA Langley has also played a key role in furthering space exploration. From the first manned space exploration mission to sending landers and rovers to Mars, NASA Langley has made significant contributions to make these journeys possible. NASA Langley trained the original seven astronauts who flew with the Mercury 7 mission—the first national manned space flight. The Center also led the Viking mission to Mars—the first successful U.S. to that planet. After the Columbia shuttle tragedy in 2003, NASA Langley performed critical work to determine how to return shuttles safely to space, including conducting research in aero-thermodynamics and structures and materials used in space shuttle technology. These missions have helped to keep the U.S. at the forefront of space exploration.

NASA Langley is also doing its part to get the next generation prepared and excited about working for NASA. Through its education programs, NASA reaches out to students to get them involved and excited about the fields of Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math (or STEM).

I would like to thank NASA for its continued recognition of NASA Langley as a viable, thriving part of the NASA community. I would also like to thank the individuals who have worked and who are currently working at NASA Langley for their sustained efforts in making the Center a world leader in the aeronautics and space exploration fields. Finally, I would like to recognize the leadership of my former colleague, the late Representative Jo Ann Davis, on this resolution. Congresswoman Davis was a tireless champion for NASA Langley and will certainly be missed. It is my hope that the Virginia delegation can continue this strong support for NASA Langley and look forward to more anniversaries to come.

SUPPLEMENTARY DOCUMENTS ON
TRANSGENDER ISSUES

HON. BARNEY FRANK

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 17, 2007

Mr. FRANK of Massachusetts. Mr. Speaker, on October 9 I delivered a speech in the House regarding, among other things, my involvement in advocating for civil rights protections for transgender individuals. Following those remarks, I inadvertently failed to submit for the RECORD several documents to which I had made reference during the speech, specifically excerpts from testimony I gave before an Education and Labor Committee subcommittee last month in support of including full transgender protection in the Employment Non-Discrimination Act, and from two other speeches addressing transgender issues that I offered during previous debates on the House floor. In order to give a fuller picture of my views on these important topics, I ask that the documents be printed here.

EXCERPT FROM TESTIMONY OF U.S. REP. BARNEY FRANK, SUBCOMMITTEE ON HEALTH, EMPLOYMENT, LABOR AND PENSIONS, "THE EMPLOYMENT NON-DISCRIMINATION ACT, H.R. 2015," SEPTEMBER 5, 2007

Mr. FRANK of Massachusetts. . . . And then we have the issue that my colleague so ably discussed of the transgender—and I understand that this is a new issue for people. There are people who were born with the

physical characteristics of one sex who strongly identify with the other. Some of them have a physical change, some of them don't. Let me make a plea to all of my colleagues—these are people—think what it must be like to be born with that set of feelings. Think what it must be like, think what stress—what agony you go through—to defy society's conventions to the extent where you make that kind of a statement. This is something people are driven to do. Is there any reason why any of us should make the lives of those people more difficult than they already are?

Obviously these are people who are coping and things are getting better. Things are better in many ways. When I was younger, a lot of things were difficult that are less difficult today. But what we say here is if someone has these feelings—if someone is born with one set of characteristics and strongly identifies the other way—should you fire him? You deny him a promotion? You say no matter how good your job is, that makes me uneasy so out you go. That we say in here you can make rules that those people have to abide by. That they dress in a gender consistent way . . .

There is another issue we . . . have to talk about. What happens when they're all in the shower together—you know you can segregate bathrooms, but in showers it's a little difficult. This says no, people don't have the right to go into open places where people are unclothed in a way that's to embarrass people. That we talk about an accommodation, again people will say, "well you didn't do that well enough." There's room for some fine-tuning there, but on a fundamental principle—particularly for those people who are themselves made the most uneasy by the transgender issue—and I must say having worked with a lot of transgender people, I would tell my friends you get over it pretty quickly. Because what you find out is you're dealing with human beings like all the rest of us—normal human beings who have the same emotions and needs and strengths and weaknesses all of us have. But for those who are not yet at the point of comfort with them, do we really feel driven to make life harder for these people?

By the way, I just want to deal with this choice issue. No one I believe in the history of the world has said, "you know what, life's too easy. I think although I was born a woman I'm going to act like a man. I think that would be a real lark. I think I'll just go through life that way and invite physical abuse and invite all kinds of ridicule." So that's all we're saying. And let me say here—a final appeal—if there's any institution that ought to understand this it's here. Let me tell you what I know. This institution—we as Members—are very well served by a large number of gay and lesbian employees. And many of my colleagues on the Republican side know that and have, to their credit, employed them.

I wouldn't have said this a couple of years ago, but after the recent incident it's now public. For years the Clerk of this House was a gay man, a Republican named Jeff Trandahl, whose orientation became public because he behaved in a very honorable and admired way in the issue of our former colleague, Mr. Foley. And the Ethics Committee saluted Mr. Trandahl. You know, Jeff Trandahl is an example and I know Jeff well and he's a friend whom I respect and admire and given the role he played, how much easier it would have been—maybe some troubles could have been avoided if there were legal protections that he and others would have had so they would not be subject to prejudice.

I'll acknowledge—yes—as Mike Carney's example will show and my own example will show—people say "well you know some